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Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary Superintendent of Public Instruction Department of Education Monroe Building 101 North 14th Street Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Rules Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs (8 VAC 20-542-10)

Dear Dr. DeMary:

You ask whether the Virginia Board of Education possesses the requisite statutory authority to promulgate the above-referenced regulations.

Section 22.1-16 vests the Board of Education with the authority to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of Title 22.1. In addition, Code § 22.1-298 requires Board accreditation of endorsement areas in teacher licensing offered by Virginia institutions of higher education

The foregoing represents my view and does not constitute an official opinion of the Attorney General. If you require additional assistance from me on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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